

**Loring Development Authority of Maine
Board Meeting Minutes
LDA September 2025
Thursday September 25th, 2025 9:30 AM
119 Weinman Rd
Loring Commerce Centre, Limestone, Maine**

1.) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Lee Umphrey at 9:30 a.m.

LDA board members participating in an online conference are: Lee Umphrey, Joe Sleeper, Jeff Pangburn, Don Powers, Tim Crowley, Troy Haney, Denise Garland, Carolyn Dorsey,

LDA board members absent: Dan Stevenson, Lynn Bromley, Kristine Logan, Grace O'Neal, Jim Gardner

LDA staff participating by online conference: Michael Beaulieu and Jonathan Judkins.

Others participating in an online conference: Bill Buchholz, Kiersten Herbert (MRWA), Scott Hinkel (Green4Maine), Sean Eldridge, Thomas Manning (G4M), Aaron, Huotari (Fort Fairfield), Chris Cossette (MRWA), Danielle Martin,

2.) Identification of board members and others

Board member attendance was taken.

3.) Public Comment.

The new owners of the Bunker Inn introduced themselves and talked about their background. Talked about possible expansion plans, including building some cabins. Lee suggested a subcommittee of the board to sit and talk about expansion plans. Talked about getting with efficiency maine for some kind of grant. Chris McCabe joins and talkis about working with Angelo and Jonathan in nailing down either a purchase agreement or long term lease for the facility. The meeting notes for August 21st were passed on a motion by Carolyn Dorsey, seconded by Joe Sleeper.

4.) Presidents Report.

Jonathan talks about the changes to the arch hangar in August, and the first plane in September thanks to the new partnership with Aero Intelligence. John talks about the continued construction for the Taste of Maine plant. Jonathan thanks the community for the support that has been shown for the changes made to Loring so far. Jonathan makes note that Taste of Maine plans to continue their construction work through the winter. An update is given on the changes to the Arch Hangar and the work with Aero Intelligence. An update on the 109th Airguard was given.

5.) 109th Airguard update:

Lieutenant Colonel Matt Sala talks about the C-130 plane and gives a brief history. Major Shanahan takes over and talks about their Greenland and Antarctica plans and how Loring figures into the equation. And how Loring is the perfect place for a local polar airlift training center.

6.) Jonathan Green 4 Maine and Communications subcommittee update.

Jim & Joe talk about recent meeting and touring the facilities with Thomas and his group. Discussing equipment and any disputes. Still finishing up work with the equipment. Tom talks about securing a longterm lease with Circle B Farms in the old bowling alley. And the deal with Greystone Power Services. Tom talks about the 2 businesses bringing around 50 employees.

7.) FAA and Airport Update:

Jonathan talks about applying for Nippas again and how Aero Intelligence and their 20 year commitment is leading the charge for the faa giving us the status. Jonathan talks about infrastructure evaluation and updates needed.

8.) Wastewater Grant:

Jon talks about the pre-construction meeting that took place earlier in the week. Jon brings up NMDCs involvement with the work. Jon says the work has both an environmental and financial impact as the work will eliminate infiltration of groundwater so the treatment at the plant will be substantially reduced. The MRW team shares an update on the fight with the PUC. Jon brings up the Halloween Haunted House and it being the second year the initiative is being run through the former religious education building. Lee talks about the LDA budget and not knowing about J TIF funds till January.

11.) Executive Session: Confidential discussions concerning personnel, economic development and real estate matters pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405 Subparagraphs 6.A. and 6.C. Jeff moved that we enter executive session for confidential discussions concerning personnel, economic development, and real estate matters pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405 Subparagraphs 6.A. and 6.C. Jeff motioned, Carolyn seconded. Vote – unanimous

13.) Adjourn

There being no further business before the board, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

After the meeting: LDA September E vote 9-26-25

1. *I move that, pursuant to Maine PUC Chapter 65, Water Main Extension and Service Line Rule, the LDA Board votes not to invest in water main extensions nor service connections. (New*
2. *tenants have to pay for the Line install)*

VOTE: Passed

3. *I move to pursue further opportunities for Capacity Development Grants and other available funding mechanisms to undertake an in-depth system analysis and any other necessary system improvements, including, but not limited to, hydrant repair and or replacement. (to allow MRW to seek funding for us)*

VOTE: Passed